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From: Jon W. Fullinwider
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Subject: **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (CDC) COMPUTER
BREAK-IN**

On July 18, 2006, the information technology staff at CDC discovered that one of their computers had been accessed by an unknown person or organization outside of the United States (Germany) exposing approximately 4800 records containing information on housing tenants. Specifically, the records contained sensitive personal information that included name, social security number, address, phone number, date of birth, gender and other identifying information. CDC cannot ascertain conclusively that the records were read or copied, but possibility cannot be ruled out.

As a result of this event, CDC management will begin the process of contacting the individuals involved notifying them of the potential disclosure of sensitive information. Additionally, an electronic file will be sent to the credit agencies that will result in a fraud alert being established for each individual identified. The Auditor-Controller's Office of County Investigations has been notified and are involved with the investigation. To mitigate any further unauthorized access, the computer in question has been disconnected from the network while the investigation is conducted to understand how the breach occurred and put in place the necessary corrective actions to mitigate a further occurrence.

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My office will continue to provide status information on the investigation, remediation and notification process as actions are taken and we have a better understanding of the breach in computer-based security at CDC.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at (213) 974-2008.

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Attachments

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